



# Southern Maine Library District Annual Report

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

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*The purpose of the Maine Regional Library System is to promote improved service for the constituents of member libraries. The Regional System includes the Central, Northeastern, and Southern Maine Library Districts. The Southern District consists of Cumberland and York counties and five Oxford county towns.*



*SMLD Executive Board members at the Annual Board Meeting  
Point Sebago Resort, June 15, 2007*

(left to right, front row) **Suzanne Hamilton**, Yarmouth High School; **Meteena Edwards**, Naples Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland (2); **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department; (left to right, back row) **Marian Peterson**, South Portland; **Liz Reisz**, York School Department (3); **Linda Lord**, Maine State Library (2); **Thomas Bennett**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library (2); **Susan Petrikas**, Marshwood Middle School, South Berwick (1); **Susan Trent**, Trustee, Scarborough Public Library (Chair); and **Janet Cowen**, Maine Medical Center, Portland (1)

(not in photo) **Stephen Podgajny**, Portland Public Library; and **Amber Tatnall**, York County Community College, Wells

(1) appointed 5/18/07 (2) ex officio (3) term expired 5/18/07

## STAFF

**Shirley Helfrich**, District Consultant; **Elaine Bissonnette**, District Secretary

## SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 2006 – 2007



Susie Strout (2<sup>nd</sup> left) leads a workshop on Web Design, April 24, 2007  
Harrison Village Library



SMLD Certificate of Appreciation Award recipients Karl Beiser (*middle photo*) and Curt Murley (*right photo, 3<sup>rd</sup> left*) at the 2007 Spring Council Meeting



Speaker Ben Sawyer (*left*), Digitalmill, Inc. with SMLD Board Chair Thomas Bennett at the SMLD Fall Council Meeting November 3, 2006



Board member Marian Peterson with speaker Tim Spalding, LibraryThing at the SMLD Spring Council Meeting May 18, 2007



Camden author Chris van Dusen at the 2006 Summer Reading Celebration, Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport



Speaker Alice Barr at School Librarians' Meeting, January 25, 2007  
Yarmouth High School



Reference Librarians' Meeting April 6, 2007  
McArthur Public Library, Biddeford



Speakers at Emergent Literacy Meeting May 23, 2007  
Freeport Community Library

## SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT

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#### District Goals

- I. Increase Public Awareness, Use and Support of Maine Libraries
- II. Facilitate Professional Development
- III. Encourage Resource Sharing and Regional Cooperation
- IV. Foster Literacy
- V. Improve Communication Among Libraries, Library Organizations, and Other Groups
- VI. Foster Improved Library Service

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Since 1984 the Southern Maine Library District has awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to SMLD libraries. The Executive Board selects the recipients from nominations submitted, and presents the award at the Spring Meeting of the SMLD Council. The 2007 recipients were Karl Beiser and Curt Murley who received their awards at the May 18 meeting in Portland. Murley has provided automation and technical assistance for many SMLD libraries – from Long Island to Casco. Beiser has served Maine libraries as the head of Maine's Infonet, as consultant for the Northeastern Maine Library District, and for numerous statewide automation initiatives.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

##### Children's Librarians Meetings (*attendance: 48*)

Guest speakers and participants shared ideas on the following topics:

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| ○ "My Space & Blogging"   | Kennebunk Free Library     | November 28, 2006 |
| ○ "Attracting Boys & Other Reluctant Readers to the Library"  | Portland Public Library    | February 6, 2007  |
| ○ "Reaching Our Youngest Patrons and Their Families—Emergent Literacy Projects, Grants and Initiatives" | Freeport Community Library | May 23, 2007      |

##### Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (*attendance: 242*)

Not only are new books reviewed orally but current issues are discussed at each of these monthly meetings at the Portland Public Library. Participants got to keep the books they reviewed for their library collections, as many as 240 books annually. Volunteers process the review books received for the **Maine Examination Collection**, a total of 2,196 books and audiovisual items from 62 publishers. Librarians reviewed 83% of the titles received.

##### Public Library Director Meetings (*attendance: 69*)

Agendas are established by each group with suggestions by the District Consultant. Topics included regional and statewide plans, library legislation, WebJunction, the Maine Libraries web site and discussions about policies, technology, personnel, collections and facilities.

Yapping Yorkies	Davis Memorial Library, Limington	September 25, 2006
Loose Librarians	Casco Public Library	October 13, 2006
Yapping Yorkies	West Buxton Public Library	January 26, 2007
Loose Librarians	Naples Public Library	February 9, 2007
Talking Heads	Dyer Library, Saco	February 9, 2007
Chattering Cheeses	Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick	February 27, 2007
Chattering Cheeses	Falmouth Memorial Library	April 25, 2007
Yapping Yorkies	Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish	April 27, 2007
Loose Librarians	Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram	June 7, 2007

### **School Librarian Meetings** (*attendance: 68*)

School *and* public librarians were welcomed at these meetings:

- “Promoting Reading to Hard to Reach Audiences: Boy Books, Graphic Novels, Genre Shelving, and Outreach to Reluctant Readers” King Middle School, Portland  
November 29, 2006
- “Emerging Technologies: Videostreaming, Rss Feeds, Blogging, Podcasts” Yarmouth High School  
January 25, 2007
- “Cream of the Crop – Collection Development & Self-Censorship” Kennebunk Free Library  
March 7, 2007
- “Author Visits: Local Resources” East End Community School  
April 10, 2007

### **Trustee Meetings**

The annual SMLD Forum was not conducted this year pending plans by the State Library to conduct statewide programs. However, some regional meetings of trustees were held in the Southern District. On May 23, 2007, the District Consultant spoke about long range planning, automation, director evaluations, and standards to a regional group of trustees from six surrounding libraries at the Naples Public Library.

### **Web Design Workshop** (*attendance: 5*)

The district continued helping public libraries establish websites. A hands-on workshop led by Maine School & Library Network Circuit Rider Susie Strout was held at the Harrison Village Library on April 24, 2007 for the following libraries: Harrison Village Library, North Bridgton Public Library; North Gorham Public Library; and Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Fall Meeting (*attendance: 104*)

### **“Staying One Step Ahead of Our Patrons – Embracing New Technologies in Libraries Today,”**

November 3, 2006, York County Community College, Wells

Keynote Speaker: **Ben Sawyer**, President Digitalmill, Inc. “Gaming and Its Effect on Learners.”

Small group sessions: “Webjunction and Open Source” by **Susie Strout**, MSLN Circuit Rider; “MARVEL! What’s New? Special features” by **Ann Murdock**, Ebsco; “New Developments – Maine Memory Network & Maine History Online” by **Kathy Amoroso**, Maine Historical Society; “RSS, Blogs and Podcasting Basics” by **Jeremy Bloom**, MyVirtualWebStaff; “Podcasting Basics” by **Holly Valero**, HollyWorks Dynamicmedia; “Wikis, Blogs and MySpace” by **Jessica Thomas**, Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham; “I Want That! New Gadgets, Devices & Technologies for Libraries” by **Susie Strout**; and “MARVEL! Consumer Health Databases” by **Ann Murdock**.

Spring Meeting (*attendance: 95*)

### **“Embracing Change Without Fear,”** May 18, 2007, Keeley The Katerer Banquet Center, Portland.

Keynote Speaker: **Tim Spalding**, LibraryThing founder, Portland, discussed social cataloging, social networking, tagging, user-FRBRization and the power of “funability.” Poster Sessions were presented on Library Makeovers, Maine Library Excellence Awards, Playaways in the School Library, PPL Downloadable Audiobooks Service, 2007 Edible Book Festival, WebJunctionME - The E-Learning Portal for Professional Development for Maine Libraries, and David L. King Architects Inc. Small group sessions were held on “Sustainable Design in Libraries – Green Buildings” and “The Evolving Role of Libraries – New Developments in Library Design” by Architect **David L. King** of Boston, MA; and “The Read/Write Web” – Technology Tools for Librarians in a Web 2.0 World ~ blogs, tagging, podcasts, and wikis by Technologist **Alice Barr**, Yarmouth High School.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

The board meets quarterly with an additional one-day strategic planning session. Meetings were held September 15, 2006, Scarborough Public Library; October 13, 2006, Dyer Library, Saco; January 12, 2007, Portland Public Library; March 16, 2007, South Portland Public Library; June 15, 2007, Point Sebago Resort (Annual Meeting)



## **FAMILY SUMMER READING CELEBRATION**

Award-winning Maine authors Chris van Dusen, Lisa Jahn-Clough and Melissa Sweet delighted the crowds at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual SMLD Celebration for summer reading participants held August 19, 2006, at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport. The authors and entertainment tied in with Maine's statewide summer reading theme "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!" Book prizes were given to almost 300 children who completed a scavenger hunt, and also voted for their favorite photo at an exhibit of pet photos. Adults and children alike enjoyed free rides on the restored historic trolleys.

## **LIBRARY OF THE MONTH**

District libraries were featured on the SMLD website from July to December 2006 for the "**Library of the Month**" page, begun in 2001 to provide information about member libraries: Lebanon Town Library; Orr's Island Library; Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram; Hollis Center Public Library; Kezar Falls Library; Old York Historical Society; Fryeburg Public Library; Cleaves Law Library, Portland; East End Community School and Munjoy Branch, Portland Public Library; and McArthur Public Library, Biddeford. In March 2007 the "Library of the Month" became a statewide program and was renamed "Library Spotlight. Selected libraries are now featured on the "Spotlight" section of the Maine Libraries website <http://www.maine.gov/libraries/>.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

"**News Notes**," the District's quarterly newsletter for member libraries was published and mailed to member libraries in August 2006, November 2006, February 2007, and May 2007. It is also accessible on the SMLD web site. The newsletter includes a calendar of events, newsworthy items about member libraries, and statewide library news.

## **ORIENTATION FOR NEW SMLD MEMBERS** (*attendance: 9*)

The annual orientation for new librarians and trustees was held October 10, 2006, at the Portland Public Library. Participants were shown a video about SMLD's history and services; provided with information packets; and informed of district policies and procedures. The session concluded with a tour of regional library services provided by PPL, SMLD's Area Reference and Resource Center.

## **PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION**

Policies, building design, lapsits, and staff evaluations are among the many topics covered in the SMLD collection of 675 books, videos and audiocassettes. Listed on the SMLD web site and promoted in the district newsletter, the total circulation for the year was 106.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The SMLD Public Relations Committee conducted library **exhibits and demonstrations** for two events: the Neighborhood Conference for legislators and community activists at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, on December 12, 2006 and the Active Aging program for seniors held at the Portland Expo on May 23, 2007. These successful exhibits provided information about MARVEL!, Talking Books, and other library services. Hundreds of booth visitors signed up for the door prizes – large baskets of children's and adult books.

## **REFERENCE LIBRARIANS** (*attendance: 47*)

Established in November 2005 for SMLD public and academic reference librarians, the group continued to hold quarterly meetings:

- July 14, 2006, St. Joseph's College, Standish
- Oct. 20, 2006, Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham
- Jan. 19, 2007, Maine Historical Society, Portland
- April 6, 2007, McArthur Library, Biddeford

An article in the June 11, 2006 "Maine Sunday Telegram" about changes in library reference services prompted the group to invite a reporter to their spring meeting in Biddeford. Seth Harkenss from the Portland Press Herald provided tips about getting stories in the papers and writing press releases. Several of the meetings included demos of databases, such as "Birds of North America" by PPL staff member Wendy Miller. The group discussed the American Library Association's "Guidelines for Cooperative Reference Services," adopting some

of its positions in the groups' statement of purpose. The winter meeting included a tour of the Maine Historical Society's collections and pending exhibit on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Members shared reference forms, statistics, and journal articles during each meeting.

### **TRAVELING CREAM OF THE CROP CHILDREN'S AND YA BOOK COLLECTION**

Compiled by a volunteer committee of SMLD librarians for the annual "Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference," the collection of recommended new books was loaned to the following schools and libraries: Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor (July); Porter Memorial Library, Machias (August); Bates College, Lewiston (September); Mountain Valley Middle School, Mexico (October); Gardiner Middle School (November); Wilton Free Public Library (December); Dyer Library, Saco (January); York County Community College, Wells (February); Kennebunk Free Library (March); Bangor Public Library (April/May); and Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle (June).

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### **AREA REFERENCE AND RESOURCE CENTER**

The Portland Public Library serves as the SMLD Area Reference and Resource Center (ARRC) and receives state aid for providing interlibrary loan, backup reference service and free borrowers' cards for SMLD libraries and patrons.

### **SMLD VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES**

#### **Children's Book Review Hostesses**

**Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Virginia Calvo**, Acton Elementary School; **Joan Connick**, Portland; **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library; **Laurie Dunlap**, Frank Jewett School, West Buxton; **Anne Farley**, Bonney Eagle Middle School, Buxton; **Phyllis Fuchs**, Brunswick; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Kelley Goodfield**, South Hiram Elementary School; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Pat Larrabee**, Maine Charitable Mechanic Association Library, Portland; **Sally Leahey**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Susan Levine**, Brunswick; **Bernadette Monette**, Sacopee Valley Jr./Sr. High School; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library; **Leslie Rounds**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Sybil Shiland**, H. B. Emery School; **Virginia Stelk**, Peaks Island; **Shirley LaBranche**, Sanford; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Annamarie Townsend**, South Berwick Public Library; **Kris Zuidema**, Edna Libby School, Sebago Lake

#### **Cream of the Crop Children's & YA Literature**

**Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Leslie Rounds**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford

#### **Nominating**

**Meteena Edwards**, Naples Public Library; **Barbara Merritt** (Chair), Scarborough School Department; **Liz Reisz**, York School Department

#### **Public Relations**

**Marjorie Anderson**, Mercy Hospital, Portland; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Carolyn Hughes**, University of Southern Maine, Portland; **Lisa Joyce**, Portland Public Library; **Kathy Kigin**, Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland (*representative to the statewide library pr committee*)

#### **Summer Reading**

**Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Kirsten Cappy**, CuriousCity; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Pat Larrabee**, Maine Charitable Mechanic Association Library, Portland; **Phil Morse**, Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport; **Martha Perkins**, Dyer Library, Saco; **Laura White**, Biddeford Middle School

## MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROJECTS

*The three library Districts in the Maine Regional Library System -- Central, Northeastern and Southern -- worked together on the following projects and programs.*

### LIBRARY MAKEOVERS

Based on a successful project begun in SMLD in 2006, library makeovers in rural public libraries were conducted both in SMLD and the Central Maine Library District. Public libraries in towns under 7500 population were invited to apply. Four libraries were selected from the eight applicants for one-day makeovers by a volunteer team consisting of librarians and professional interior designers. The team included District Consultants Bonnie Dwyer and Shirley Helfrich; Windham Public Library staff Sally Bannen and Barbara Keef; Portland Branch Manager Jim Charrette; and Farmington Library Director Melanie Taylor Coombs with the assistance of Cori McGrath and Richard Tucker from Tucker Library Interiors.

The team removed and re-arranged furniture, collections and equipment to provide more inviting spaces at the Webster Free Library in Kingfield on May 25, 2007 and the Spaulding Memorial Library in Sebago on June 1, 2007. Future makeovers are scheduled for the New Vineyard Public Library and the Hurd Library in North Berwick in summer 2007. Reports with recommendations for future purchases and projects are being sent to each library. Each library received a small stipend from the library districts and the Friends of Maine Libraries.

### MAINE LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Two SMLD libraries received the Excellence Awards this year – Casco Public Library and Baxter Library in Gorham. The awards program is open to public library applicants with one-time or longstanding public programs. The winners were selected by a panel of judges from other New England states. Each library received a cash award and a plaque.

**Baxter Memorial Library** was honored for its annual writing contest, sponsored by their Friends of the Library. Begun in 1998 as part of a fundraising effort, the Friends focused on building community support for the library. It has become a community highlight during the past six years. More than 90 people attended the library's 2006 awards ceremony during which students read their winning entries. The event was broadcast on the local cable channel and the local newspaper published the first prize entries.

**Casco Public Library** was recognized for its "Homeschool Alliance" program created in response to the needs of Casco homeschooling families who travel great distances to access homeschool resources. The library has added materials and programs which are also available to the general public. Programs included a chess club, an ongoing writing group, annual academic fairs, book groups, and classes in poetry, archeology, French, mineralogy, drama, and art history.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The new library mascot, a costumed cat named Baxter, made its first appearance at the Hall of Flags on January 11, 2007 in the State Capitol during Maine Libraries Week. The two recipients of the Maine Library Excellence Awards were recognized by Freeport Library Director and President of the Senate, Beth Edmonds.

The **website** for the public created by the statewide pr committee, Mainelibraries.com, was moved to the Maine State Library website to reduce costs and allow for faster updates.

The three District Consultants and members of the three district public relations committees confer regularly via conference call to coordinate regional exhibits, publicity, special events, websites, and discuss future plans. The annual planning meeting for members of all three district committees was held in July 2006 at the Bangor Public Library.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' INSTITUTE AND ORIENTATION**

Keynote speaker Laurie Lachance of the Maine Development Foundation discussed the Brookings Report and Maine economic development. Workshop sessions were held on technology by **Janet McKenney**, Coordinator of Learning and Technology Services, Maine State Library; building maintenance by **Bob LaBreck**, Facilities and Systems Maintenance Manager, City of Augusta; library safety by **Betsy Pohl**, Director, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta; and legal issues by **Matt Pollack**, Board Member, Central Maine Library District; **Vicky Smith**, Director, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford and **Sarah Sugden**, Director, Waterville Public Library conducted a session entitled "Story Times Prevent Juvenile Delinquency."

The orientation for 13 new directors was held June 11, 2007, at the Maine State Library and consisted of a library tour, state library staff presentations, and a dinner. This year's program was expanded from an afternoon to an all-day session to allow more time for MSL department heads and district consultants to cover the many statewide and regional library projects and services.

## **READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE**

This annual statewide conference sold out within two weeks as 350 librarians quickly registered to hear award-winning author **Susan Bartoletti** at the Augusta Civic Center on April 12, 2007. Librarians braved a spring snowstorm the day of the event to hear speakers convey ideas about the conference theme: "Dewey or Don't We? Essential Nonfiction." The Katahdin and Lupine awards were presented to recognize outstanding Maine authors and books. Workshop topics included the writing and research process, picture book biographies, and connecting with child care providers. There were also sessions about recommended science titles, Native American books, Maine classics, and audiovisual materials. In addition **David Richards** provided an introduction to the Margaret Chase Smith Library and Maine authors **Mary Cerullo**, **Bruce McMillan**, and **Melissa Sweet** gave presentations. Actor **David LaGraffe** ended the day's program with dramatic readings.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP**

The three Executive Boards and Councils approved the following list of requirements which are grandfathered for existing members until July 1, 2010, at which time all libraries must meet the requirements to remain regional system members. Member libraries must:

- 1. be part of an organization or institution that has a legal basis for operation and provides informational resources;*
- 2. have a written mission statement and service objectives;*
- 3. have an established funding base;*
- 4. be authorized to participate by its appropriate administrative authority;*
- 5. have established and posted hours of service;*
- 6. have a fixed location;*
- 7. have a designated staff person or volunteer with library services training who is responsible for the library;*
- 8. have an organized collection of information and material accessible for use by its designated clientele and/or the public;*
- 9. agree to the terms and conditions of the Maine Regional Library System membership agreement as established by the Maine Library Commission. This agreement shall include certification by each member library that it meets the above eligibility requirements for participation, agrees to participate in interlibrary loan activities within the state in accordance with the National Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States and agrees to provide data on the use of regional and statewide library materials and services.*

## **SCOOP PURCHASING COOPERATIVE**

Although the cooperative covers a three year period from July 2006 to June 2010, a new procedure was incorporated this year to allow additional vendors to join SCOOP part-way through the agreement. Book, furniture, and equipment vendors were invited to participate in spring 2007, resulting in three new vendors being added effective July 2007: Creative Library Concepts [furniture vendor], Garrett Book Company, and Scholastic Library Publishing. Procedures, discounts, and vendors are on the State library's website, password-protected.

## **STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Newly-revised standards for Maine public libraries were distributed in early 2007 and discussed throughout the year at meetings for trustees and librarians.



## STATEWIDE COMMITTEES

### Maine Library Excellence Award

Sally Bannen (Maine Library Association representative), Windham Public Library; Sue Moseley (Friends of Maine Libraries representative), Hallowell; Andrea Jackson-Darling, Camden Public Library; Steve Nichols (Maine Library Trustee Association representative), West Buxton; EX OFFICIO: Benita Davis, Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor; Bonnie Dwyer, Central Maine Library District, Augusta; Shirley Helfrich, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; and Bill Wahl, Casco Public Library (trustee representative).

### Library Makeover Team

Bonnie Dwyer, Central Maine Library District, Augusta; Shirley Helfrich, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; Cori McGrath and Richard Tucker, Tucker Library Interiors; Jim Charette, Burbank Branch, Portland Public Library; Sally Bannen and Barbara Keef, Windham Public Library; and Melanie Taylor Coombs, Bailey Library, Winthrop.

### Public Relations Statewide Committee

**Benita Davis**, Northeastern Maine Library District; **Shelly Davis**, University of Maine/Farmington; **Bonnie Dwyer**, Central Maine Library District; **Diane DuBois**, Caribou Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland

### Reading Round-Up

**Liz Barber**, Auburn Middle School; **Rita Bouchard**, Preti Flaherty, Portland; **Nancy Diamond**, Manchester Elementary School; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Sarah O'Sullivan**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta; **Virginia Rundell**, North Gorham Public Library; and **Wende Sairio**, Longfellow School, Brunswick [Chair]; **Sarah Schultz-Nielsen**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta

### SCOOP Statewide Purchasing Committee

Debbie Lozito, Edythe Dyer Library; Charlene Wagner, Gardiner Public Library; Bonnie Dwyer, Central Maine Library District; Joy Russo, Kennebunk High School; Linda Lord, Maine State Library; Gale Staples, Portland Public Library; and Shirley Helfrich, Southern Maine Library District.

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## OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET:

\$9,200.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Books/AV/Subscriptions	\$ 845.00	\$ 734.89
Cont. Educ./Staff Development	1,800.00	1,385.11
Contractual Services	100.00	0
Equipment/Software	100.00	83.98
Misc	300.00	0
Parking	540.00	540.00
Phone	300.00	110.16
Postage (1 <sup>st</sup> class, lib.rate)	1,180.00	1,225.50
Printing/Photocopying	300.00	709.97
Photocopier Rental	1,185.00	1,184.40
Promotion & Publicity (exhibits)	100.00	430.77
Supplies	750.00	789.41
Travel	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>2,075.78</u>
Sub-total	\$9,200.00	\$9,269.97

BALANCE

\$ - 69.97

**MEMBERSHIP** [158: 70 public, 49 school systems (190 individual schools), 8 academic, 31 special libraries]

### **Public Libraries**

Acton Public Library ~ Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham ~ Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills ~ Berwick Public Library ~ Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison ~ Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish ~ Bridgton Public Library ~ Brownfield Public Library ~ Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin ~ Cape Porpoise Library ~ Casco Public Library ~ Caswell Public Library, Harrison ~ Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell ~ Chebeague Island Library ~ Cliff Island Stone Library ~ Community Library, Lyman ~ Cundy's Harbor Library, Harpswell ~ Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick ~ D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick ~ Davis Memorial Library, Limington ~ Denmark Public Library ~ Dyer Library, Saco ~ Falmouth Memorial Library ~ Freeport Community Library ~ Fryeburg Public Library ~ Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Lebanon Area Library, East Lebanon ~ Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Limerick Public Library ~ Long Island Community Library ~ McArthur Public Library, Biddeford ~ Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth ~ Naples Public Library ~ New Gloucester Public Library ~ North Bridgton Public Library ~ North Gorham Public Library ~ Ocean Park Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Ogunquit Memorial Library ~ Orr's Island Library, Harpswell ~ Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred ~ Parsonsfield Public Library ~ Portland Public Library\* ~ Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center ~ Raymond Village Library ~ Rice Public Library, Kittery ~ Richville Library, Sebago Lake ~ Salmon Falls Village Library, Hollis Center ~ Scarborough Public Library ~ Shapleigh Community Library ~ Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram ~ South Berwick Public Library ~ South Portland Public Library ~ Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago ~ Springvale Public Library ~ Steep Falls Library ~ Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth ~ Village Library and Reading Room, Newfield ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Waterboro Public Library, East Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

### **School Libraries**

Acton Schools ~ Arundel Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Catherine McAuley High School, Portland ~ Cheverus High School, Portland ~ Falmouth Schools ~ Freeport Schools ~ Fryeburg Academy ~ Gorham Schools ~ Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth Foreside ~ Greater Portland Christian School, Portland ~ Kittery Schools ~ Levey Hebrew Day School, Portland ~ Merriconeag School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Old Orchard Beach Schools ~ Portland Schools ~ Raymond Schools ~ St. Patrick's School, Portland ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ Yarmouth Schools ~ York Schools ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish) ~ SAD #15 (Gray, New Gloucester) ~ SAD #35 (Eliot, South Berwick) ~ SAD #51 (Cumberland, North Yarmouth) ~ SAD #55 (Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter) ~ SAD #57 (Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro) ~ SAD #60 (Berwick, Lebanon, North Berwick) ~ SAD #61 (Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago) ~ SAD #62 (Pownal) ~ SAD #71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ Union #7 (Dayton, Saco) ~ CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

### **Academic Libraries**

Andover College, Portland ~ Maine College of Art, Portland ~ New England Bible College, South Portland ~ St. Joseph's College, Windham ~ Southern Maine Community College, South Portland ~ University of New England, Biddeford/Westbrook ~ University of Southern Maine, Portland/Gorham ~ York County Community College, Wells

### **Special Libraries**

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ General Theological Center of Maine, Portland ~ Goodall Hospital, Sanford ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland (formerly ABB Environmental Services, Inc.) ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Jones Museum, Tinney Memorial Library, Douglas Hill-Sebago ~ Lakes Center Library, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland (formerly Maine Youth Center) ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mercy Hospital, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Old York Historical Society, York ~ Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley, Keddy, Portland ~ Portland Museum of Art ~ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery ~ \*\*Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios, Portland ~ Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook ~ Shaker Library, Poland Spring ~ Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland ~ York Hospital

\* Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern Maine Library District

\*\* NEW MEMBER – Joined June 4, 2007

## MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS 2006 – 2007



“Baxter” the library mascot appears in public for the first time with State Librarian J. Gary Nichols, Sarah Sugden, First Lady Karen Baldacci and Shelly Davis at the State Capitol during Maine Libraries Week January 2007



Lupine Award winners Kelly Cunnane (*left*) and Garrett Conover at the 2007 Reading Round-Up Conference



Windham Librarian Inese Gruber with door prize winners at the Neighborhood Conference held at the Holiday Inn in December 2006



2006 Maine Library Excellence Award winners Casco Director Carolyn Paradise (*left*) and Gorham Director Pam Turner at the State Capitol January 2007



Keynote speaker Laurie Lachance and CMLD Board Member Matt Pollack at the Public Library Directors' Institute June 2007



Library Makeovers were held at the Webster Free Library in Kingfield on May 27, 2007 (*left*) and Spaulding Memorial Library in Sebago on June 1, 2007 (*right*). Team members at the Kingfield makeover were Jim Charette, Bonnie Dwyer (*seated left*), Melanie Taylor Coombs, Director Barbara Stewart (*seated*), Deb Keef, and Sally Bannen. Sebago Library Co-Directors Eileen Russo and Sue Newton are shown at the circulation desk



# SMLD Libraries of the Month

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*From left to right: (top row) Lebanon Town Library; Orr's Island Library; Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram; (2<sup>nd</sup> row) Hollis Center Public Library; Kezar Falls Library; (3<sup>rd</sup> row) Old York Historical Society; Fryeburg Public Library; Cleaves Law Library, Portland; (bottom row) East End Community School/Munjoy Branch, Portland Public Library; and McArthur Public Library, Biddeford*